

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 18-3137-02-CR-S-BP

ROBIN L. PARKER

a.k.a.

ROBIN L. RAGAN,

Defendant.

**MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES FOR PRETRIAL
DETENTION HEARING PURSUANT TO TITLE 18,
UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 3142(f)**

The United States of America, by the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, and does hereby move that the Court order a pretrial detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), for the purpose of presenting evidence to determine whether any condition or combination of conditions of release will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance as required by the Court and the safety of other persons and the community. As grounds for the motion, the United States submits that:

1. There is probable cause to believe that the defendant committed the offense of conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846 and 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(A);
2. The defendant poses a risk to the safety of others in the community; and
3. The defendant poses a serious risk to flee.

SUPPORTING SUGGESTIONS

Subsection 3142(f), 18 U.S.C. provides that a hearing must be held by the appropriate judicial officer to determine whether any condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance and the safety of any other person in the community if the

attorney for the Government moves for such a hearing and if the case involves an offense under the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. § 801, et seq.) for which imprisonment for 10 years or more is possible. In this case, the defendant is charged with conspiracy to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a crime for which a term of not less than 10 years' imprisonment is required and not more than life imprisonment is possible.

Upon a showing that there exists probable cause that the defendant committed the offense referred to in the indictment, there is a legal presumption, subject to rebuttal by the defendant, that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure his appearance or assure the safety of the community. *See United States v. Apker*, 964 F.2d 742, 743-44 (8th Cir. 1992); *United States v. Dorsey*, 852 F.2d 1068, 1069-70 (8th Cir. 1988). Section 3142(e) and (f)(1) provides that a presumption that a defendant will not appear for subsequent court appearances arises if the offense is one enumerated under the Controlled Substance Act, as referred to above. Under the Bail Reform Act, there is also a presumption that the likelihood of flight increases with the severity of the charges, the strength of the Government's case, and the penalty that conviction could bring. *See Apker*, 964 F.2d at 744; *See also United States v. Soto Rivera*, 581 F.Supp 561 (D.C. Puerto Rico 1984); *United States v. Menster*, 481 F.Supp. 1117 (D.C. Fla. 1979).

To further support the Government's contention that the defendant is a risk to the safety of the community and risk to flee, the Government offers that on May 12, 2017, the defendant was stopped by the Christian County Sheriff's Office. She had in her vehicle approximately 190 grams of suspected methamphetamine. In her purse, she had approximately \$6,400 in U.S. currency, which was bundled in \$1,000 increments. On May 18, 2017, the defendant accepted delivery of what she thought was one pound of methamphetamine in a controlled delivery by a cooperator.

She was subsequently stopped by a Rogersville, Missouri, Police Officer and the package provided her by the cooperator was seized. On both occasions, the defendant denied any knowledge of the drugs in her vehicle.

For the reasons set forth above, the United States requests that a detention hearing be held and that the defendant be denied bail.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing was delivered on December 17, 2018, to the CM-ECF system of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri for electronic delivery to all counsel of record.

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